

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
September 18, 2008
150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A**

Members Present:

Bentley Bobrow (Chairman)	Bill Ashland
Charles Allen	Peter Rhee
Michael Pflieger	Michelle Ziemba
Linda Worthy	David Notrica
Martyn Fink	Georgia Butler
Leonard Kirschner	Debbie Johnston
Philip Johnson	Jeff Farkas
Mark Venuti	Anthony Rhorer
Dave Ridings	Laurie Wood
*Kelly Silberschlag	Roy Ryals

Members Absent:

Nathan Avery
Scott Petersen
Terry Welker
Stewart Hamilton

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 10:15 a.m. A quorum was present. Kelly Silberschlag participated by conference call.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON April 17, 2008 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mark Venuti and seconded by Dave Ridings to approve the minutes of April 17, 2008 as presented. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORTS

A. Report from the Chairman – Ben Bobrow

1. Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center – Designated Level IV

- Ben Bobrow presented Philip Johnson with a copy of Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center's designation certificate. Summit has been designated the first Level IV (and non-Level I) Trauma Center in Arizona. Dr. Johnson was very instrumental in Summit's success and this huge accomplishment. It was also noted that ADHS has issued a press release to announce this milestone for Arizona's trauma system.

2. Membership Update – Ben Bobrow Introduced New Members

- Legislation this year expanded the STAB Membership to include four additional positions. The appointments made by Susan Gerard are as follows:
 - David Notrica – Representative from a Statewide Pediatric Organization
 - Linda Worthy - Representative from a Society of Trauma Nurses
 - Anthony Rhorer - Representative from a National Association of Orthopaedic Trauma
 - Nathan Avery - Representative from a Statewide Neurosurgical Society
He was unable to attend the meeting today.
- Other positions recently appointed include:
 - Georgia Butler - Representative from Federal Indian Health Services Organization (replacing Dr. Jim Flaherty)
 - Leonard Kirschner - Representative from a National Association of Retired Persons (replacing Ritch Steven)

- Terry Welker - Representative from Tribal Health Organization (replacing Anslem Roanhorse). He was unable to attend this meeting.
- Dr. Bobrow welcomed the new members. All positions are now filled.

3. Next Meeting Date

- Initially there was concern that the next meeting date may need to be changed. The next meeting will be held as scheduled on November 6, 2008. Dr. Bobrow has a scheduling conflict but Dr. Scott Petersen (vice-chair) is expected to be present to chair the committee.

4. TBI Project

- Ben Bobrow reported that a statewide initiative has been started whereby prehospital data on Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) patients will be collected and analyzed. The ultimate goal is to develop a prehospital training intervention by using the latest guidelines in treating TBI. This should result in a significant improvement to survival and morbidity for these patients.
- Joel Bunis is currently working to assist Dr. Bobrow on this initiative.

B. Bureau Chief -Terry Mullins

1. New Director/Deputy Director

- Susan Gerard resigned from the Department of Health Services.
- January Contreras is the interim Director for the Department.
- Will Humble, Assistant Director for the Department of Health Services was promoted to Deputy Director.

2. Data In Action

- The Bureau of EMS and Trauma System will begin a new educational offering called Data In Action.
 - The inaugural meeting will follow the September 19, 2008 EMS Council meeting at 12:00 noon in room 540A.
 - Subsequent meetings will be held after EMS Council meetings.

3. Stratified Triage and Transport Plan

- With more trauma centers at varying levels expected to come on board within the next few months, we need to begin to look at how we can help prehospital determine where the trauma patients can be transported. We are interested in developing tools or guidelines to assist.
- The four EMS regions will be asked to participate in this process.
- Terry asked that individuals interested in participating in a work group please let him know.

4. Executive Order 2008-26

- Vicki Conditt reported that Governor Janet Napolitano recently signed an Executive Order to develop an inclusive statewide trauma system in Arizona. The Executive Order requires ADHS to increase the number of health care institutions participating in the statewide trauma system, particularly in the rural areas; increase the number of health care institutions reporting to the trauma registry;

and establish a trauma medical director with expertise in trauma care. ADHS must report annually by December 31st on the progress.

C. Trauma System Section Chief – Vicki Conditt

1. Road Show – Update

- There are two road shows scheduled during the month of October - Wickenburg and Prescott.

2. Trauma Center Designation – Update

- Banner Page Hospital, Cobre Valley Community Hospital and Northern Cochise Community Hospital have applied for Level IV designation. In the next couple of months we will be conducting the on-site reviews for these hospitals.

D. Data and Quality Assurance Section – Joel Bunis

1. Update/Discussion

- We are in the process of developing a prehospital database.
- This will be on a voluntary basis.
- The goal is to have evidence based protocols and move the system forward.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and approval of 2008 STAB Annual Report to the Director

- A motion was made by Roy Ryals and seconded by David Notrica to approve the 2008 STAB Annual Report. **Motion carried.**

Item: 2008 STAB Annual Report

Follow Up: Post on website

When: ASAP

Who: Donna Meyer

B. Review and approval of 2009 Committee Meeting Schedule

- There is a conflict with the January 15, 2009 meeting date on the new schedule.
- Vicki Conditt asked the members if they were aware of any conflicts if the meeting date was changed to January 22, 2009.
- Since there were no apparent conflicts it was determined the State Trauma Advisory Board (STAB) and the Arizona Trauma System Quality Assurance and System Improvement (AZTQ) Committee meeting will be held on January 22, 2009.
- EMS Council and Medical Direction Commission may be moved to January 20th.

Item: 2009 Committee Meeting Schedule

Follow Up: Send out final meeting schedule

When: ASAP

Who: Donna Meyer

C. Report from AZTQ Meeting – Dr. Charles Allen, Chair (Items 1-4)

- The Trauma Registry Users Group (TRUG) has made a lot of changes updating the 2008 data entry. The 2008 1st quarter data is in. The 2007 data has been

finalized and the data tracking spreadsheet represents the data received from level I trauma centers and non-designated hospitals.

- Using 2007 data, AZTQ will be looking closer at all of the performance measures.
 - Length of stay (LOS) > 6 hours at a non-level I facility: We are going to look closer at the patients with an ISS > 9. In the future, we will report the ISS < 9 and ISS > 9 groups. We are also going to breakdown the 6 hour block of time into shorter segments.
 - More Than 1 Interfacility Transfer Before Arrival at Reporting Trauma Center: What types of facilities are involved in these cases?
 - Death In Non- Level I and > 24 Hour Length of Stay: We will look at all deaths in detail and trend them. Present in the future for AZTQ and STAB to review.
 - Patients Transferred with Open Fractures – Injury to Wash Out > 8 Hours: It was reported that based on research most ortho traumas are not following an 8 hour parameter as standard for injury to wash out. It was decided that this report will continue to be prepared to trend numbers on how the trauma system is handling open long bone fractures.
 - RSI Data – We will be looking at RSI in reference to Traumatic Brain Injury. This, however, is not part of the performance measures for the trauma system.

D. Building the Trauma System – Report of Meeting with Media

- An article published in the East Valley section of the Arizona Republic a number of weeks ago has brought about discussions related to the lack of trauma centers in the southeast valley of Maricopa County. The following summarizes the Department's position in dealing with the questions and meetings resulting from the initial article. It is anticipated that other stories will be coming out sometime this fall.
- The Department's goal is to build the statewide trauma system and encourage more facilities to become designated Level II, III, and IV trauma centers, particularly in the rural areas.
- Discussion ensued regarding who determines where trauma centers are located.
- Based on the discussion, it was recommended that STAB 1) look at how triage is being done and 2) whether air ambulances are used appropriately and safely.
- Dr. Bobrow entertained a motion to establish a subcommittee or work group to look at regionalization of trauma care in Arizona. Dr. Rhorer moved and Dr. Rhee seconded. **Motion carried.**

***E. ASTR Data Reports**

1. Standard Public Report

- Members were provided with a copy of the 2007 ASTR Standard Public Report.

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- It was recommended that we have a specific field to identify ATV's in the State Trauma Registry because of problems with the specificity of E-codes.
- Anita Ray Ng stated that ASTR added a new list for the data element called "Patient Position in Vehicle". This field has a selection for ATV Rider and should help us to look at how the ATV's are being coded. She will create a report for the next meeting to check numbers and use of this field.

Item: ATV data

Follow Up: Breakdown data

When: For the next meeting – November 6, 2008

Who: Anita Ray Ng

- It was recommended that the Board look at falls and break them down by different age groups - seniors and pediatrics.
- The ASTR 2008 inclusion criteria currently excludes data for certain same level fall injuries, regardless of age. The NTDB does include same level falls in their data and would prefer hospitals capture at least the minimum dataset that NTDB requests. However, in order to match the NTDB dataset, it would require another change in the ASTR inclusion criteria - and therefore, a change in the rules.
- A question was posed regarding Indian Health Services data. Only designated facilities are required to report to ASTR. ASTR would accept data from any hospital that is interested in submitting data.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Charles Allen provided a brief update on Dr. Tom Wachtel's condition and reported that he is making good progress in his recovery.

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

There was nothing reported.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular STAB Meeting will be held on November 6, 2008.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: November 6, 2008